GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
CONSUMER AFFAIRS, FOOD AND PUBLIC DISTRIBUTION
LOK SABHA

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PROCUREMENT OF RICE
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Will the Minister of CONSUMER AFFAIRS, FOOD AND PUBLIC DISTRIBUTION be pleased to state:

(a) the total quantity of rice procured by the Food Corporation of India (FCI) in Orissa and other rice producing States during the last six months, State-wise;

(b) the quantity likely to be procured from the said States by FCI till commencement of next Kharif season, State-wise;

(c) the districts where the rice is being stored by the FCI, indicating the quantum thereof;

(d) the storage charges paid by FCI during the last three years for the rice stored in private godowns in the States; and

(e) the steps proposed to be taken to reduce the expenses on storage of such rice?

Answer

MINISTER OF THE STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE AND MINISTER OF THE STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF CONSUMER AFFAIRS, FOOD & PUBLIC DISTRIBUTION (DR. AKHILESH PRASAD SINGH)

(a)&(b): As per information furnished by FCI the total quantity of rice procured for the Central Pool by the FCI and State agencies during Kharif Marketing Season 2006-07 (from October,2006 to March 2007) and the further quantity of rice likely to be procured till commencement of next kharif season, State-wise is given in Annexure-I.

(c): District-wise stocks of FCI are not maintained by this Department. As per information received from FCI, a statement indicating state-wise stock position of foodgrains available with FCI and State agencies as on 31.3.2007 is at Annexure-II.

(d): The commodity-wise storage charges paid to Private parties are not maintained in the books of accounts. The storage charges paid by FCI during the last three years for the rice stored in private godowns State-wise is at Annexure-III.

(e): For reducing the storage expenses, instructions already exist among the field offices i.e. to
(i) review the storage need at regular intervals to dehire the capacity found surplus,
(ii) to hire out the FCI owned surplus godowns capacity to other users
(iii) to use/finalize HTC at most competitive rates, so as to reduce the storage/handling cost of foodgrains.